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Docket No.: 62582(46342)
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Shuji Hinuma et al.

Application No.: 10/517,956

Confirmation No.: 7274

Filed: December 13, 2004

Art Unit: 1649

For: NOVEL SCREENING METHOD

Examiner: J. D. Ulm

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 1, 2006, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the subject matter of Group I, directed to claims 1-7, 34 and 35, as that Group is further defined in the Office Action. Applicant also elects the species of SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 3.

The elections of Group I and the identified species are being made solely to comply with the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. The right to file one or more divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Dated: February 17, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Applicant(s): Shuji Hinuma et al.

Invention: NOVEL SCREENING METHOD

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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